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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER REFUTES STATEMENTS BY UN COMMISSIONER
FOR NAMIBIA

1. PRIME MINISTER VORSTER HAS RESPONDED TO STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO SEAN MCBRIDE, UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA, THAT HE THOUGHT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE OUT OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA "WITHIN TWO TO FIVE YEARS." VORSTER SAID MCBRIDE'S ASSERTION WAS NONSENSE, THAT IT REFLECTED WISHFUL THINKING EXISTING IN CERTAIN CIRCLES, AND HAD PROBABLY BEEN INSPIRED BY REPORTS EMANATING FROM SAG AND NATIONAL PARTY OPPONENTS WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA. VORSTER SAID STATEMENT MADE BY MCBRIDE THAT VORSTER AND UN SYG WALDHEIM HAD FORESEEN A SITUATION WHERE SOUTH AFRICA WOULD WITHDRAW FROM SWA WITHIN NEXT TEN YEARS WAS "NATURALLY ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE."

2. VORSTER ALSO SAID, "THE UN WILL NOT MAKE SOUTH AFRICA WITHDRAW OR DRIVE THE REPUBLIC FROM THE TERRITORY." SOUTH AFRICA HAD OBLIGATIONS TO WHITES AND BLACKS IN SWA AND WOULD "FULFILL THESE OBLIGATIONS UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES." SOUTH AFRICA, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID, WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE MR.
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MCBRIDE, HAD NEVER HAD ANY DEALINGS WITH HIM, AND HAD NO

INTENTION OF NEGOTIATING WITH HIM.
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